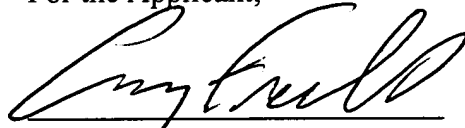


REMARKS

Claims 6 and 8-11 are amended to remove multiple dependencies. An abstract, taken from the PCT publication, is also provided on a separate sheet. No new matter has been added to the application by these amendments, and the application is now ready for examination on the merits. If any questions regarding the application arise, please contact the undersigned attorney. Telephone calls related to this application are welcomed and encouraged. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments relating to this application to deposit account number 18-2055.

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ABSTRACT

An image signal is processed by deriving measurements representing the luminance of a signal; calculating values relating to the local mean, the local standard deviation, the local maximum and/or the local minimum; and computing therefrom local standard coordinates such as z-scores which are independent of brightness and contrast.